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Application No.: **09/535,154**  
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING PROCESSING STAGES APPLIED TO A SIGNAL**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **RESPONSE** in the above-identified application.

**ENCLOSURE(S):**

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- *Response* dated July 2, 2004 -- 9 pages
- Printout from dictionary.com -- 3 pages
- Definition from Webopedia Computer Dictionary -- 3 pages

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